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Vijayawada and Tirupati Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop Vijayawada and Tirupati airports to International Standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d): Development of an airport to international standards is a continuous process which is undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) depending upon demand from airlines, traffic potential, economic viability, availability of land for infrastructure upgradation, etc. The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of declaration of Tirupati Airport as International Airport in 2008, with the condition to make the International Airport operational only after the requisite facilities have been put in place. In order to develop Tirupati Airport to international standards, various upgradation works such as Construction of a New Integrated Terminal Building having 700 peak hour capacity for simultaneous operation of international and domestic flights, new Apron for parking 3 nos. Aircrafts (2 Code D+1 CodeC), expansion of new Apron for parking additional 4 nos Code-C type of aircraft have been completed.

For development of Vijayawada Airport to international standards, AAI has engaged a Consultant M/s Engineers India Ltd. (EIL) for preparation of Detailed Project Report . AAI has also approved the scope of work for construction of a new Integrated terminal building for simultaneous operation of domestic and international passengers along with associated apron, multi-level car park and a new ATC tower cum technical block.